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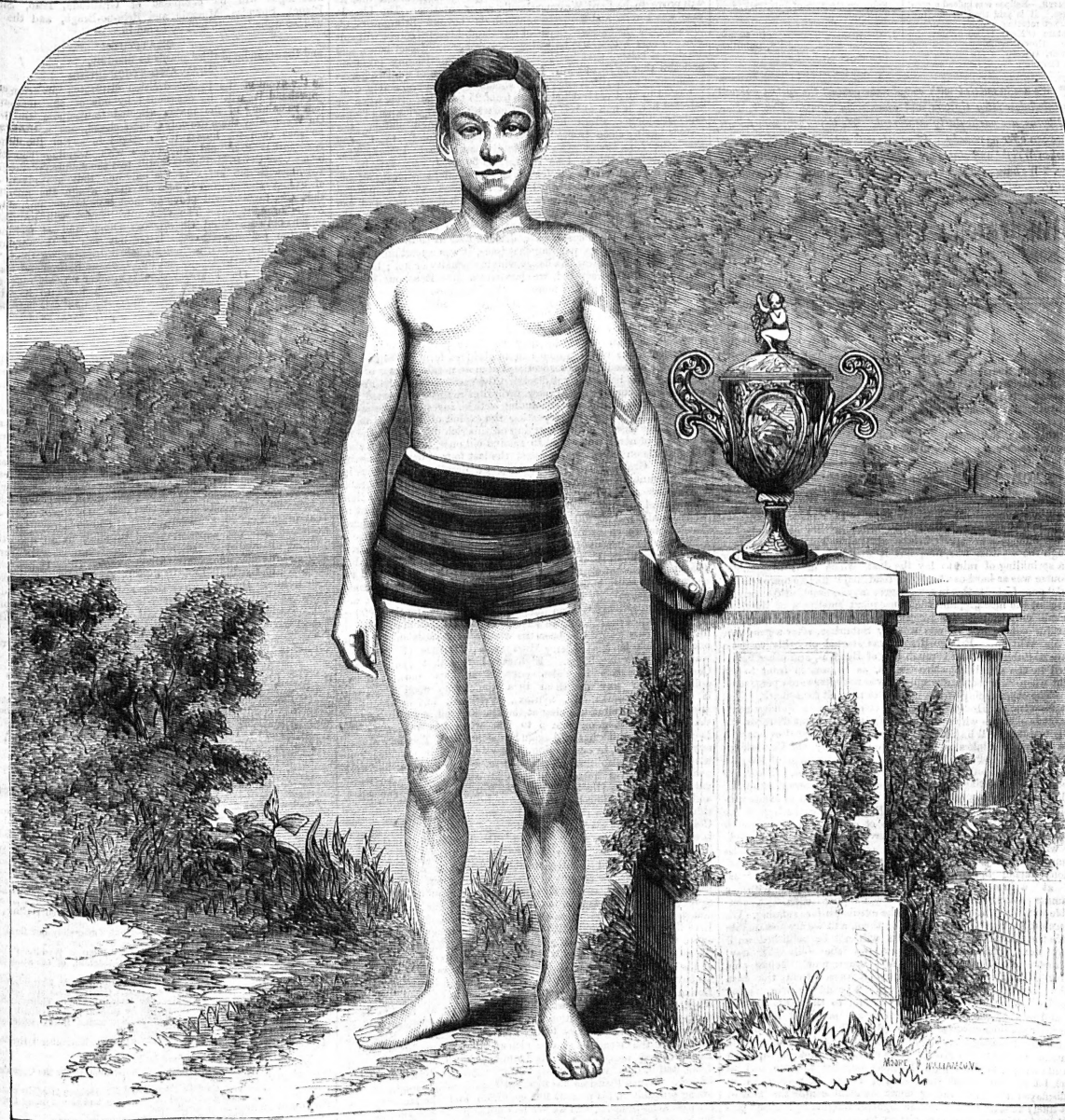


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DAVID PAMPLIN, WINNER OF THE "ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS" SWIMMING CUP.
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BILLIARDS.

THE ENGLISH CHAMPION IN AUSTRALIA.

No sooner have England's cricketers quitted the Australian colonies than the steamship which conveyed them to their destination has amongst her passengers, on her very next outward voyage from Liverpool, another English celebrity in the person of Mr. John Roberts, the talented exponent of the game of billiards. We understand that Mr. Roberts has preferred the alternative of going "on his own hook" to the many tempting offers which have been made him by the speculators who abound in the colonies, which speaks well for his enterprising spirit. By the last Australian mail, we receive the following items of news of the champion's movements:—The first match played was between Mr. Roberts and Mr. Lamb, the best player in the colony, at the Albion Billiard-rooms, Melbourne, on Tuesday, August 2, which had been specially fitted up for the occasion, the charge for admission being £1 per head. Both players, especially Roberts, were received with loud plaudits. Messrs. Alcock and Co., of Melbourne, manifested the table expressly to order, and it was pronounced by the Champion to be faultless, no mean praise for the above firm. Roberts gave Lamb 350 in 1,000, and the game commenced at eight o'clock, and for some time the pace was slow. When Lamb had advanced his score to 141, Roberts completed his first hundred, the largest break therein being 35. Lamb exhibited some good play up to 311, by which time Roberts had reached 263, no break exceeding 37. Between this and 324 he got 62 off the balls. At the end of the first two hours, when the game stood—Lamb 574, Roberts 569, half an hour's adjournment took place. After resuming, Roberts soon passed his antagonist, the score denoting Lamb, 694; Roberts, 704. A break of 66, including sixteen spot-hazards, brought the Champion up to 770, from which point he went rapidly ahead, and at 866 his longest break (81) occurred, taking the tally up to 950. In this break he began with the spot-stroke fifteen times, and after an intervening cannon, ten more red winning hazards, getting out with a comparatively easy stroke, Lamb in the meantime advanced his score to 709. From this point the Champion soon finished the game, leaving his antagonist at 743, being 393 points scored by him during the three hours and a half's play, leaving Roberts the winner of the first game by 257 points. On Wednesday, a second match between the same parties took place. The charge for admission was reduced by one-half, and the room was full. At the commencement of the game, Roberts booked 37, and in 20 min. had completed his first hundred, Lamb having put on 35. The next hundred came somewhat slowly, the game being called Lamb 564, Roberts 200. At 206, the Champion scored a fine break of 56—nearly all hazards. The third hundred occupied 20 min., and the fourth 19 min., and when the Australian's score denoted 597, Roberts stood at 351, and another break of 85 took him to 436; and when the adjournment for "liquoring up" took place, Lamb was 601, Roberts 502. Again did Roberts get the red in "Chancery." The marker next announced the figures to be Lamb



MR. VANCE, THE FAMOUS COMIC VOCALIST.

644, Roberts 646. The Champion's next break was 51, and then he went ahead rapidly, completely distancing his opponent, the final figures being, Lamb 803, Roberts 1,000, landing him the winner by 191 points. Roberts was loudly cheered throughout the game. On Thursday, a third match against a fresh antagonist (Mr. P. Bergin), who received 500 points, was played, and although the English Champion appeared off his play, he scored several fine breaks—to wit, 72, 65, and 67, and easily beat his opponent, who, however, had put on 847, when Roberts passed the final goal, being 153 in advance. Norcliffe (one of the late markers at Saville House) accompanies Roberts in his Australian tour. Mr. Roberts, after leaving Melbourne, proceeded to Ballarat to give the gold-diggers an opportunity of witnessing his wonderful play.

lowing dogs were 22 yards start; N. Totten's Twigg, 23lb, 33; S. Liveridge's Rag, 19lb, 29. Twigg beat Rag by six inches, and Fan beat Twigg by one yard.

J. Woon's Lady, and J. Smith's Skip, both of Huddersfield, are matched to run 200 yards for £20 a side. £3 a side is staked with Mr. J. Crow, who is appointed stakeholder and referee.

CITY GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.—The shareholder (Mr. J. Holden) has £15 each for the match between T. Pearson's Fly of Bolton, and T. Burns' Nell of Bury, to run 11 out of 21 courses, 60 yds law, for £25 a side, October 24, at two o'clock. The remainder to be staked by noon on the day.

CANINE.

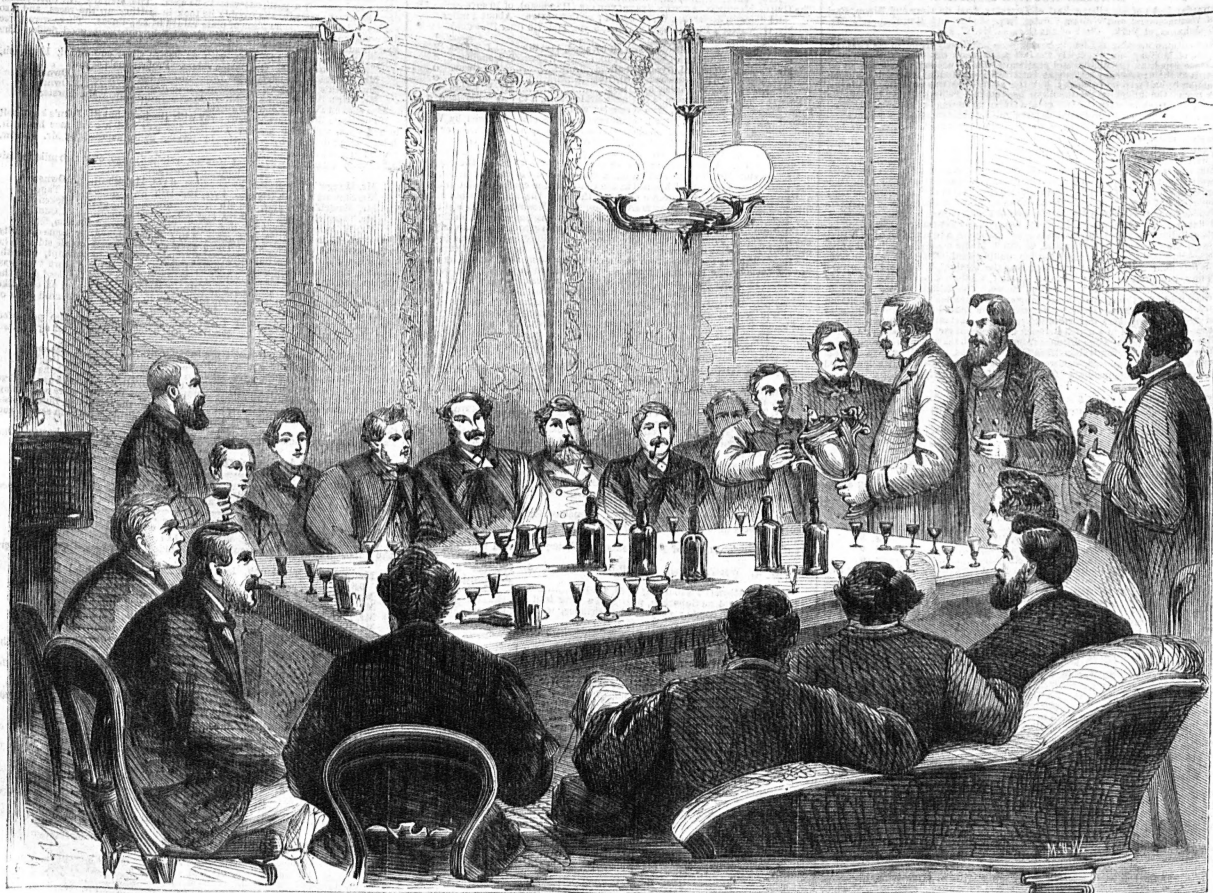
CITY GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.—About 400 persons were present here last Saturday afternoon, the attraction being a race between H. Sanderson's Rose and Thomas Shield's Rose, both of Bolton, distance 200 yds, for £10 a side. The betting was limited at 2 to 1 on Sanderson's Rose, which won a splendid race by one yard and a half. The office of referee was filled by Mr. Martin Collins, of Gorton.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.—Mr. T. Hayes (the proprietor), holds £7 each for the 200 yds race between J. Parkington's Spring, of Chadderton, and J. Grimes's Daft, of Barnes Green, for £10 a side, neither to exceed 22lbs in weight. The final deposit of £3 a side must be made good by 3 o'clock on October 22, and the dogs are to be on the mark at 4 o'clock.

FRESH PARK HUNTING GROUNDS, NEWCASTLE.—As intimated in our last, Mr. J. Scott's bitch The Jilt, and Mr. W. Hall's Nancy, ran their race of 200 yards for £30 at these grounds on Saturday afternoon last, Nancy having eight yards start according to the terms of handicapping. The attendance was on the whole fair, the betting at 5 and 6 to 4 on Jilt, with many takers. There is generally a lot of amusing incidents at a canine match, and the exhibition on the present occasion was of great interest; the dogs were conducted to the post with the utmost care, and rubbed and patted and attended to with precision. The race was a very exciting one and the issue certainly a blow to the well-built-up hopes of The Jilt's faction. The pistol cracked and the dogs bolted; the racing was severe from first to the finish, and ended in Nancy winning by seven feet. The Jilt gradually lessened the gap but failed to head the victor which, it must be said, ran in fine form and style. Mr. William Oldham, referee.

E. LAWSON'S dog Rattle, of Booth Town, and J. Bowes's dog Brutus, of Burnley, are matched to run 200 yards at the New Bellevue Grounds on Saturday, November 5, for £15 a side; Brutus to be under 25lb, and Rattle to be under 25lb; Rattle to receive six yards' start inside. Mr. W. Gill, Square-End Tavern, Halifax, the stakeholder and referee, has received £3 a side, to be made into £10 a side to-day (Saturday).

WARREN HOUSE, LINDLEY MOOR.—On Saturday last there was a very fair attendance at the above grounds to witness the final heat for the dog handicap, and after some spirited running, the three followed in to run for the prizes.—Tad's Fann, 13lb, 19lb, 29. Twigg beat Rag by six inches, and Fan beat Twigg by one yard.

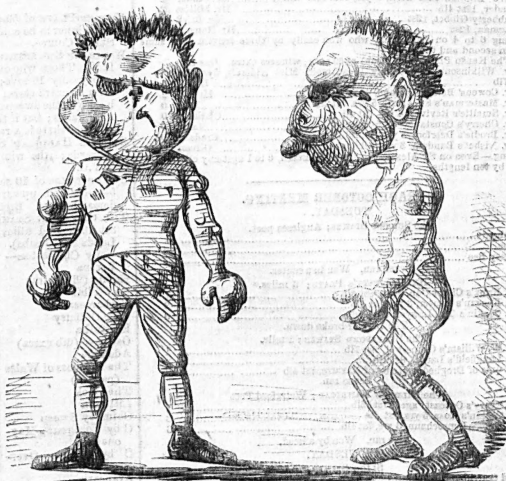
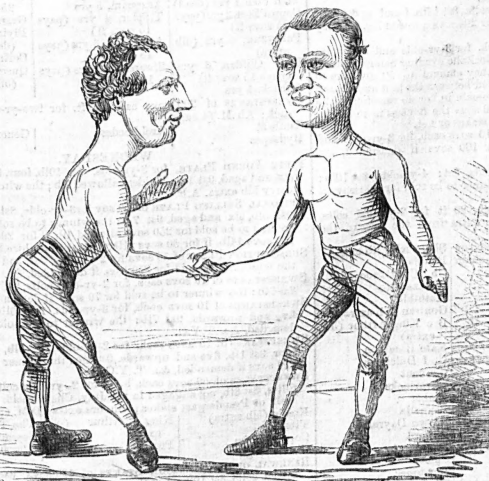


THE PRESENTATION OF THE "ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS" CUP

AT KEY'S, LION TAVERN, NEWCASTLE-STREET, STRAND.

(From a Sketch by our own Artist.)

BEFORE AND AFTER.



Our imaginative young man prepared the above specimens of the art of wood-engraving in anticipation of a very different termination of the *tourney* of Gould's Cross. Deeming them too good to be lost, we place them before the public and defy Mace and Coburn to look upon them, if they have a spark of shame in their composition, without a blush.

THE ADVENTURES OF MR. O'FIDGETY,

THE "SPECIAL" COMMISSIONER OF THE FREEMAN AND WOMAN (DUBLIN MORNING JOURNAL) AT THE LATE PRIZE FIGHT WHICH DID NOT TAKE PLACE IN IRELAND.



Mr. O'Fidgety proceeds to Island Bridge and engages a gentleman who had migrated from Whitechapel to bring him "safe through."



The Whitechapel gentleman, notwithstanding that Mace had proceeded to England, induces Mr. O'F. to pass the night in the tap-room of the Cambridge Arms, assuring him that "he'll see summat we'll see in the morning."



Mr. O'F. proceeds to Gould's Cross. The stakes are knocked in, so is Mr. O'F.'s skull.



Coburn throws in his cap. Nervous excitement of Mr. O'F.



Mr. O'F. seeing nothing but Coburn's cap ventures to express an opinion, in which the word "humbug" is heard by a Coburnite. The said Coburnite wreaks summary vengeance.



Mr. O'F. finds that turning catherine wheels does not agree with him.



Two free and enlightened citizens of New York mistake Mr. O'F. for Harry Bruntton. They remonstrate with him for not bringing up his man.



The remonstrance is continued by the gentleman from Whitechapel, who, not seeing any direct mode of returning to his native land by means of his private resources, determines to shake his fare out of the unhappy O'F.



Mr. O'F. returns to the Cambridge Arms Hotel, and finding the Proprietor absent, has an idea of "taking it out" of Mrs. Woodroffe, and the Colleen Rhud.

PIGEON SHOOTING

(To the Editor of the "Illustrated Sporting News.")

Sir.—As one of the many thousands outraged by this, I fear, "sham engagement," perhaps you will kindly permit me, particularly as you have already expressed some correspondence in reference to this matter, to ask you to explain to me the genuineness of the match, or of that good faith which should have been kept by the promoters with the public—especially when the removal of the permanent institution, or, indeed, kept at all in existence very much longer. Having, since articles were signed, looked forward with perfect confidence to the success of the Egyptian Campaign, in the event of which I have been fearfully chastened by recent events, had I finally calculated, as others had done, on the certainty, or even the probability, of a battle; and believing as I did for the best reasons, even since the battle, that the army were "sold," with their eyes open, by Yankee cunning and duplicity, I must confess candidly that matters turned out pretty much as expected, and long before predicted in your paper; for, equally

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case was never fully incorporated, for, without estimating the questionable influence of previous reports, the contemporaneous or highly suspicious legends of memory may sometimes succeed in canvassing. Everything considered, however, I am pleased that Moore did not fight in Tipperary, as I am sure he would achieve certain success; for in a combat where the national feeling was so intensely appealed by the colours of both men, I have little belief in the public sense of fair play — the only one that is not altogether dependent on the national feeling of the combatants, and the unreasoning Celtic.

Allusion has been made by one of your correspondents to the culpable participation given by the Colours party to the phrase of nationalism. I am glad to prove that at least a week previous to the 4th, "Gould's Cross" was freely bandied about Liverpool and Birkenhead as the precise spot, and this originally from the pen of a Liverpool friend, who bears the famous surname of a renowned pugonator, Irish "Dan", though most assuredly not of his Catholic Association, Premier, and the like. I am, most respectfully,

revised the serious mistake of a person named Hadden as to the alleged fact of Coburn being an Orangeman. This is a grave, if not a fatal error. Not only is Coburn not an Orangeman, but I state upon undisputable authority, that he does not possess even the first qualification—that of being a Protestant—demonstrated by the *New York Clipper*, at Coburn's express desire, peremptorily to "slay him" by the time stated by Hadden, and resolutely to "smash him." Coburn's theology is Catholic, and his capabilities as a professional pugilist, though I think it right that the *arena* should be corrected.

As I see Mace has accepted Coburn's challenge to fight in Canada, I would earnestly counsel him, Sir, to be cautious. If Coburn honestly intends to meet the English Champion, there is no occasion to incur the risk and expense of crossing the Atlantic. Assuming the Irish-American to be sincere, his wishes were best to the latter in the arrangements for a "mill upon its merits"; and

CHALLENGES AND DEPOSITS

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THE MACE AND COBURN MATCH.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.
WORMALD AND MARSDEN.—The weekly instalment for this important forthcoming match was duly made good at Bos 4/ylers, The Founder's Arms, Osborne-street, Whitechapel. Both men are in active training, and are reported well.

BIRMINGHAM.

POST PRICE and Jack Parkinson, of Birmingham. These Midland bruisers met on Monday last, at Joe Warson's new drum, Odd Fellows' Arms, Manches-

... on Tuesday, Novemb

LAMM, Cannon-street, has been appointed final stakeholder, and a Micky Gannon, referee.

BILL RYALL, of Broad-street Tavern, Islington, Birmingham, has a man that he will back to fight Jim Coyne at 9st 9lb or 9st 9lb for £25 or £50 a side. A deposit sent to our office and articles to Ryall, will ensure a match.

JIM COYNE, of Birmingham, will make a match at 9st 9lb or 9st 10lb with Haddock, of Newcastle, for £25 or £50 a side. A deposit sent to our office and articles to Dan Roberts, Salmon Tavern, Severn-street, will lead to business.

FIGHTS IN THE MANCHESTER DISTRICT NEXT WEEK.

Some short time ago we entertained serious doubts that the ring in the Manchester street was, owing to the frequent mishaps that have occurred recently in that district, the only one left in the city. But now we are relieved. No less than three rings are arranged to take place in the same ring next Wednesday, the 25th inst. The first will be at the old site of the "Bible," Manchester, where Mr. George Harley, the host of the Rising Sun, Swan-street, Manchester, holds all the money, at which hostelry the company of weighing takes place. The second will be at the old site of the "Bible," Manchester, where Mr. Harley holds all the money, at which hostelry the company of weighing takes place. The third will be at the old site of the "Bible," Manchester, where Mr. Harley holds all the money, at which hostelry the company of weighing takes place. The first will be at the old site of the "Bible," Manchester, where Mr. Harley holds all the money, at which hostelry the company of weighing takes place. The second will be at the old site of the "Bible," Manchester, where Mr. Harley holds all the money, at which hostelry the company of weighing takes place. The third will be at the old site of the "Bible," Manchester, where Mr. Harley holds all the money, at which hostelry the company of weighing takes place.

DEATH OF JOHN HARRINGTON

In the Ring, of late years, it will be known that Young Harrington, as he was called, apart from his capabilities in the Ring, was one of the most respected among the respectable. His contests with Norton, Lynch, Morris, Roberts, are well known. But Jack Harrington is dead, and it is with sorrow that we announce the fact; he will be buried in the Victoria Park Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. It is pleasing to observe that as far as worldly aid and human help went, Jack Harrington had the best. When it was hoped that a little retirement would again bring him forth, the kind-hearted Jenny Welsh did not forsake the poor lad, and she will be buried in the Victoria Park Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. We shall next week have more to say on this point. Assured that we get at this thus showing our respect for the poor lad dead, good fruit will show.

MR. FARQUHAR has opened a room at Mr. Halker's General Post, 68, King-street, Garden-lane, Salford, for public sparring, every Saturday and Monday evenings. He is ready at any hour to give private lessons to gentlemen.

JACK ROOKE takes a benefit at the Canterbury Music Hall, Chapel-street, Salford, next Tuesday night, when he will be assisted by the Gipsy, Bob Brettle, Johnny Mackey (Colony), and the Gipsy, Gollan, and the cream of the local fancy.

At the eve of the triple fight, Ingram and Evans, Stewart and Johnson, and Dackem and Stitt up, will all show. Jack McGrath's Punch is specially retained as M.C.

PIGEON SHOOTING

BIRMINGHAM

BALSH SPYING, CRANK-LAND, NEAR WEDNESDAY.—This old estate, which has been the scene of many a "tricker" celebration on Monday last, attracted by the announcement of a pigeon match (always a tempting spectacle) between Jem Dickens, of West Bromwich, and J. H. Haddock, of Wednesbury. The match was made at eleven birds each, and was to be run on the 21st of the month. The extent of the field, which was admirably adapted for the job, 14 oz. shot—Dickens staking £10 to £800. Mr. W. Evans, of Wednesbury, being mutually selected for a referee, at two o'clock Mr. Haddock, who won the toss for priority, killed eight birds in succession. Mr. Dickens was less fortunate, and as the match proceeded Haddock was invested on with slight odds, the betting having previously been done at even. Score:—

Mr. Haddock	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1—10
" Dickens	1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1—8

Mr. Dickens, game as ever, immediately challenged his opponent for another match for £1 a side, which he won cleverly. Sport was now thrown open, and five gentlemen present formed a sweepstake, at half-a-sov a member. Score:—

Mr. Dickens	1 1 1	Mr. Millington	1 1 0
" News	1 0	" Harding	1 0
" Smith	0		

A second sweep immediately followed, which was won by Mr. Spittle, who shot in his usual fine form. Score:—

Mr. Dickens	0	Mr. Millington 1 1 1 1 0
„ W. News.	1 1 1 0	„ Harding
„ Spittle	1 1 1 1	1 1 0

Mr. Millington's fifth bird appeared crippled, and unable to rise. Millington off his guard for a second only, the bird got on the wing, and escaped the massed shot, but as it was brought down by another gun in the field, another bird was claimed, and allowed, but this, which was all over a flyer, was missed. This wound up an excellent day's sport.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.—About 200 lovers of the deadly tube were present here last Saturday afternoon to witness the match between John Bennett, of Kidsgrove, and John Bailiff, of Altrincham, to shoot at 25 pigeons each, 14oz. shot, 21 yards rise and 60 yards' boundary. Wagering: 6 and 7 to 4 on Bennett, who scored an easy victory, killing 11 out of 17 birds; whilst Bailiff only killed 2 out of the latter number. Mr. James Holder, White Lion, Long Millgate, Manchester, was stakeholder, and Mr. Wm. Redfern, of Manchester, acted as referee.

WILLIAM MORGAN, of Newcastle, will shoot Welsh Johnny, of Berry Edge, a match at pigeons, and take 21 shots against his 19, 2oz. shot, 21 yards rise, for £10 a side. To shoot at Fenham Park, the winner to take both shares of the gate money. A match can be made on Saturday night, at Mr. Wm. Elliott's, Northumberland Arms, Stowell-street, Newcastle.

1. JAMES GREENE, of Harton, will take two live birds in ten of Thomas Waugh, or the same of William English, for £5 a side. Either of the matches can be made by calling at the house of Mr. Henry Barrisford, Chain and Anchor, East Jarrow. Between the hours of eight and ten a match can be made.

1, JOHN HEPPLEWHITE, of Harton, will shoot James Robinson, of Heburn, at ten sparrows, for £5 or £10 a side, 1½oz. shot, 16 yards rise, 50 fall. To meet on Saturday night first, October 22nd, at the house of Mr. Henry Barrisford, Chain and Anchor, East Jarrow. By calling you can ensure a match.

PRINCE OF WALES'S GROUNDS, BOW.—On Tuesday and Thursday last, these grounds were well attended, and several matches and sweepstakes were shot, the principal winners being Messrs. Stroug, Thompson, and Smart. On Thursday next, a first-class leather powder-flask will be given free, at nine sparrows each, H and T traps; after which, several sweepstakes will be shot at pigeons and sparrows.

ROSEMARY BRANCH, PECKHAM.—On Monday last, several gentlemen entered their names for the tea and coffee service, given free, at five pigeons each, from five traps, 25 yards rise, double guns. Mr. Brown and Mr. S. S. tied, killing four birds each, and in shooting off at three birds each, Mr. S. S. proved the winner. Several sweepstakes followed, the principal winners being Messrs. Gregory, Brown and S. S.

RABBIT COURSING

ROYAL OAK PARK, MANCHESTER.—The match between John Riley's Royal, of Halliwell and Thomas Driver's Fly, of Stockport, to run 11 out of 21 courses, 60 yards law, for £25 a side, was decided here last Saturday afternoon in the presence of about 300 admirers of the sport. Wagering even, finishing at slight odds on Rose, which won the match, having caught the second, fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth, twelfth, thirteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, eighteenth, and twentieth; total, 11. Fly only securing the first, third, fourth, seventh, tenth, eleventh, fourteenth, seventeenth, and 19th; total, 9. The office of referee was filled by Mr. John Cross, of Ashton.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS—Last Monday afternoon a rabbit coursing sweepstakes for £3 in money prizes given by the proprietor was decided, about 300 persons being present. The entry was open to animals of all weights, and 24 dogs competed, Mr. James Taylor acting as referee. First prize, Shaw's Luce, of Ashton; second ditto, Wild's Wallace.

A MONSTER Rabbit Coursing Sweepstakes for all weights will take place on Monday, Oct. 31, when Mr. Taylor will give £16; entrance, 10s. each; dogs under 22lb. five shillings each. Parties entering two dogs will be guarded. Entrance of 5s. each must be paid by Oct. 29 or Oct. 24, and the dogs will be drawn on the 27th.

CRIEEL AND SPARK.—For the match between J. Brown, Crieel, of Openshaw, and J. Royle's Spark of Swinton, to run the best of 21 courses, 60 yds.; for £10 a side, on October 29. Mr. J. Holden has received £7 each. The final deposit to be made good on the day.

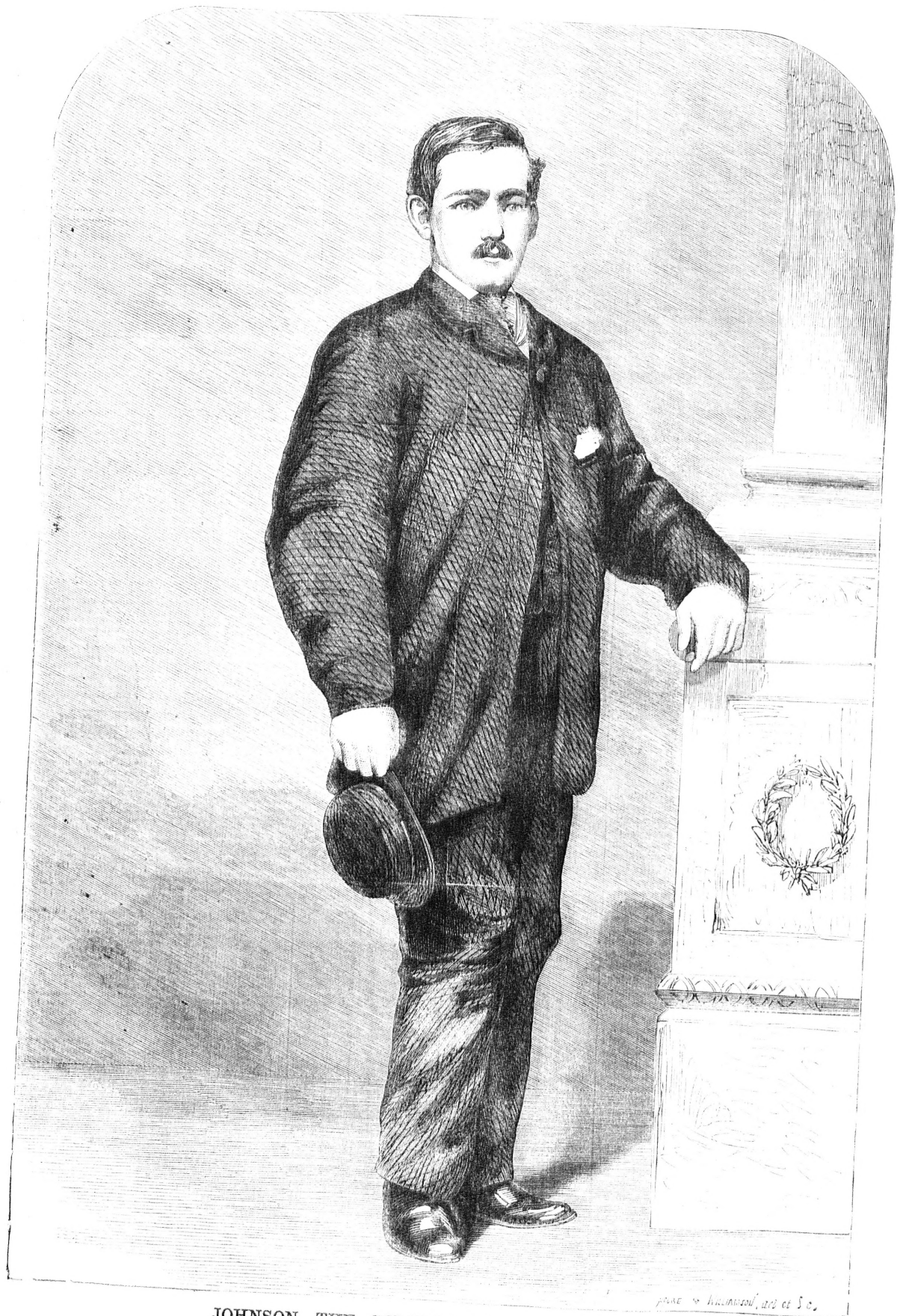
WIRALING.—In account of the match between W. Whaley and R. B. Whaley, to run the best of 21 courses, for £10 a side, 11 out of 21 courses, Mr. J. Holden is receipt of £3 each. To take place on Nov. 5.

At Newhall Gardens, Sheffield, on Monday, there was a good attendance of the admirers of rabbit coursing to witness the sweepstakes under the management of Mr. Joseph Barker, Greyhound Tavern, Pinfold-street, for dogs of all sizes; entrance for large dogs, 3s. each; those not exceeding 17½ in., 2s. each; 55 yards' law. There were 16 entries, and, in consequence of a scarcity of rabbits, the entrance money (£2 2s.) was divided between Spencer's Whistle and Thompson's Twist, each having caught three. Mr. John Rodgers was referee.

BOWLING.

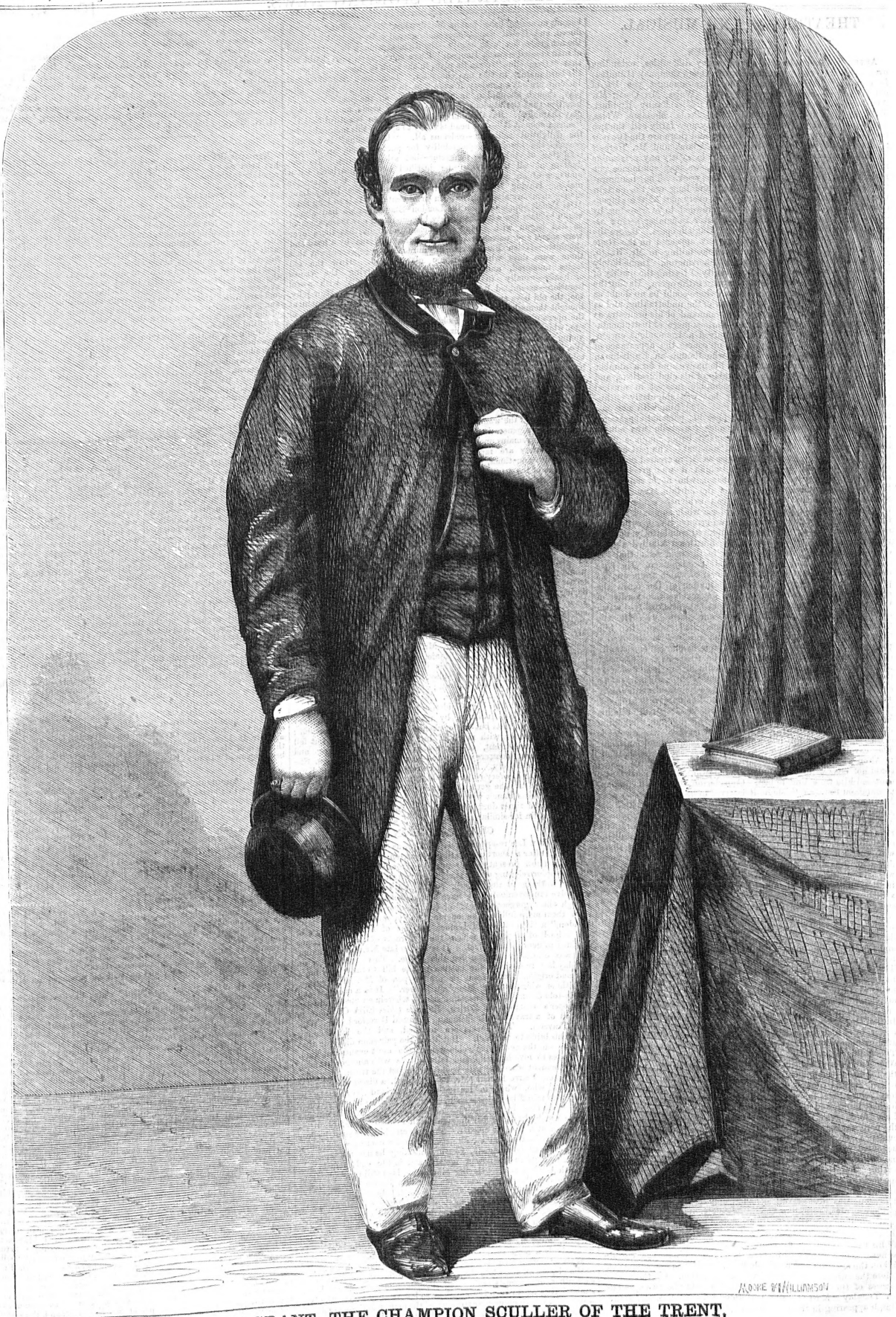
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Saturday last T. Richardson of Ballast Hills, and W. Smith of St. Peters, met on the Moor, Newcastle, and settled their little difference with 29oz. bowls half round the course, or £5 a-side. Richardson was the favourite at 5 to 4 with few takers. The match was a hollow affair, inasmuch as Richardson went completely ahead from the outset, lay 15 yards first the marginal bowl, 30 yards the second, 60 yards the third, and ultimately reached the urn, upwards of a throw ahead, when Smith picked up. Mr. Leyburn acted as referee.

HOTILOWA'S PILLS—Bilious complaints and irregularities of the system produced by depraved or over-stimulated bile, can always be corrected by a few courses of these inestimable PILLS, which are everywhere admired for their rare combination of mildness and power; for though they counteract bile, also and rapidly the most obstinate disease, they never weaken the stomach or necessitate any interruption of ordinary duties or amusements. On the contrary, they invigorate the system, strengthen the organs of digestion, give increased energy and life to all the vital functions, and discover what a happy revolution exertions. The sick and enfeebled can find both mind and brain for fresh exertions. These PILLS have the power to effect in the human system.



JOHNSON, THE CELEBRATED SWIMMER.

(From a Photograph by Rowland, Birm., Lancashire.)



TOM GRANT, THE CHAMPION SCULLER OF THE TRENT,
AND CELEBRATED AQUATIC TRAINER AT CAMBRIDGE.
(From a Photograph by GEORGE NEWBOLD, Strand.)

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has become a murder through jealousy, the piece, which is in three acts, comes to a close. Miss Eliza Clayton, an old favourite at this house, played the heroine Eugene with the requisite power, and the same may be said of Mr. F. Marchant's Lacour. Mr. W. Travers played Berensford with grace and some finish. The comic business was supported by Messrs. Steyne and Parry and Miss F. White. The piece effectively held the attention of the audience throughout, and at its close elicited marked expressions of satisfaction. A supernatural drama, introducing marvellous effects, patented by H. N. King, of Bath, is in preparation.

ROSAE (Lessee and Manager Mr. Simpson).—This house has been again honoured by highly appreciative audiences drawn together by the magnificent talents of Miss Bateman's name, and it is to be regretted, for the sake both of the actress and of the play, that yesterday terminated her engagement. The Birmingham metropolis and Liverpool have been slow in confirming the verdict both of the Birmingham and Liverpool audiences, and the celebrated character which Miss Bateman has made entirely her own, and which she has played so well, a play, which had but feebly been degraded by trashy melodrama, that a play to legitimate a character as "Leah" should have met with such a hearty approval. Although of no sensational cast, the interest of the drama is never allowed to flag, and the feeling that the piece is a masterpiece, and that the characters are not at all above mediocrity, the heroine of every scene portraying her feelings so opposite a nature, and each with a vividness and reality quite beyond the power of her hearers until, carrying irresistibly through them all the sympathies of the beautiful finale of the play, a dry eye remains in the house at the

to adopt for their motto "side-splitting laughter," and those to Mr. Swanborough for the liberal "grow fat," are eternally indebted to him. No sooner is the name of Atkins mentioned, than he has a hand in the matter. He has just announced the advent of Sothern as Duncry and then appearing on the boards with the late Thursday week Mr. Sothern shows whimsies which are the distinguishing characteristics of his class of comedians. Though this nobleman is anything but a maintenance to a female audience, he was as thoroughly appreciated as a first provoking as when heard for the absurdity seeming as irresistibly as *Alceste* or *Le Tuteur* were poorly played by Mr. The important character of Mr. Maskell, who last played it here, is so unimpeachable to the former gentleman, "Our American Cousin" on Friday and Saturday was played by Sothern as Hugh de Brass, content with having achieved one of the grandest successes of his career, he again, set himself the more difficult task of rousing the deeper feelings of his audience, and every one who has witnessed *David Garrick* was represented as he has fulfilled it. "The first time Mr. Sothern wished, as he himself said, to have some few months more to devote to the study of his art, he would have been a success was most unqualified, and it since has added much to Mr. French versatility, which previous to be possessed in an eminent degree. Mr. Sothern was well supported by Miss *Albion* in her heroic part of the piece. This young lady created a very favorable impression here last evening, and her graceful and intelligent acting, and James again appeared out of his element. Mr. Sothern's, quite certain that that worthy is supposed to be drunk white rosy, stout and fat, and his club. Mr. Charles Rice, the popular author and comedian, is now drawing the masses in the "Merchant and Mendicant" and "The Dancing Barber."

programme includes the names of Miss G. Smithson, M. Sextillian, and Miss Marshall, &c., and the principal feature at this hall, and at the following additions have been made to the already powerful company.—Mr. William Tanner and his performing dogs and monkeys (Proprietor Mr. J. Day).—Mr. H. Liston, the favourite comic vocalist; Mr. Haywood taking the place of Mr. Mellon as principal tenor. A selection from Meyerbeer's opera of "Dinorah" and a new ballet are both well received.

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Mr. C. King, who has been re-engaged for a short time, will appear in the evening as Sweeney Todd.

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The third in numerical order, but first in point of expectancy and importance of the Shakespearian revivals at the National Theatre

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Robert Chambers, a native of Glasgow, B.C. The above well known eveling and rowing champion, was first introduced to the rowing world under the auspices and masterly tuition of Harry Clasper, on New Year's day 1849, when he defeated Boyle, one of the great Shields crew, for £50, on a trial, and his opponent, who has since died, was a two miles, and like the great Chambers of the present day, gaining the applause and esteem of his friends for his pluck and gallantry. We find him at Talkin Tarn, and other local regattas, rowing stroke to a four, and was a great success in the year 1850, when he rowed a mile and a half, and some property of the Court of Chancery, he came to London and spent most of his time between the Feathers at Wandsworth and the Ship at Mordake, the renowned Robert Coombe being then the proprietor of the latter river-side establishment. Becoming more and more attached to the rowing life, he received many a valuable wrinkle, it was thought by many they would become nearly related. That match, however, was off, and in 1851 he rowed Charles Buxton, champion of the Trent, and won the championship, over three miles, at Southampton. Hereafter, he was careful to avoid fouling, by actually stopping, and allowing Buxton to go ahead, rowing outside of him and reaching the goal first by a hundred yards. On this occasion he was trained by Edward Hawks, uncle to the celebrated Captain Hawks, who would have been very uncomplaisant having taken place in the distribution of the stakes, a small medium of which found its way to the pocket of the winner. He never went to any other match unless some one undertook to find the whole of the money. We now lose sight of him in his victorious matches with Harry Clasper, who was his only rival in the Thames regatta where Harry McKinnon and at each and every Thames Regatta where Harry Clasper contended there he was sure to be. We hear of him again at the East, devoting his time to the study of the water of the river, and improving his charge, commencing with a couple of pairs, both of whom won. Then followed Rice, of Limehouse, Canon of Wapping, Childs of Limehouse, Corby of Gravesend, Tom Peacock, of London, and others, who were all beaten by him. He laid the foundation of his Club, Mr. Corbet, their present accomplished manager, who was his pupil. Space will not permit us to go further into his numerous engagements as an aquatic trainer and umpire, his successes and reverses; yet we cannot pass over his many triumphs, since as a skillful general manager, he has been doing up or piloting since the first of the Thames regatta with Kelly for the Championship of the Thames. Knowing that a dead tide was so many points in favour of his countryman, he used every available excuse to prolong the start, an object which he accomplished but too successfully. He was entirely absolved, and yet, to do so, from all blame in the matter, alleging that, as Bob was put into his hands to do the best he could for him, in justice to his backers he was bound to take every advantage that offered, to do so as a matter of course made him exceedingly unpoplar to the racing party. The year after this he was engaged by the Duke of Devonshire to coach a champion, Mr. Tom White, after which at a meeting of Chambers' backers he was presented with a valuable gold ring by the champion's name and his own engraved thereon, accompanied by a sum of money in appreciation of his services. 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